

To: Illinois District Board of Directors
From: Bob Squires, Historian
Re: Historical Committee Report
January 15, 2011

Here is a very brief update on the activities of the district historical committee.

Our most recent news first. Believe it or not, the time arrived when we actually outgrew our storage area in Crest Hill. We have moved all of the historical materials to a larger storage area where I can work and move around with more freedom. The larger area will provide easier access to documents, photographs and materials that will aid in creating projects or updating our historical data.

My continued thanks to our most valuable member, Frank Fabian. Frank continues to be a reliable resource, as well as a dependable worker in transferring data photographs and audio and video materials for the archives.

Contributions arrive at various times, sometimes from unexpected places. With the recent passing of barbershop legend, Jack Baird, several old photographs were donated to the district by Jack's family.

We are slowly edging towards the completion of our contest audio reel-to-reel transfer. This huge project has two people, Frank Fabian and Morris Huck at work on the project. A slow, but rewarding process.

In my last report I reminded the board about the Barbershop Harmony Society's 75th anniversary which will take place in 2013. I have started a project to re-write and update our district history with hopes of having it published for our members and placed on our district web site.

Speaking of our district web site, I have requested that space be provided on the site for the inclusion of various items of historical significance. Contest results, chapter histories, snippets of past quartet and chorus champions, etc. I can see the advantage of providing a resource for our district members, as well as other Society members.

In closing I would also like to thank Dickie Johnson for his help in the restoration of many photos and documents

Respectfully submitted,

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